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Vietnam Veterans Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill cosponsored

by Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the

Vietnam war.

"Many Vietnam veterans died after the war, but as a direct result of their service," said Spratt. "Some died from medical conditions caused by agent orange, for example. Because the names of these veterans are not included on the Vietnam Wall of Heroes, this bill authorizes a plaque to be placed in their honor within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

The bill, H.R. 3293, authorizes the American Battle Monuments Commission to place a plaque with an honorary inscription in the general area of the Wall. Under the legislation, the plaque must measure between six and eighteen square feet in size and be funded with private contributions collected by the Commission.

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